Liability Credited into DPEA

1731. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after 1991-92 any fresh liability for credit into DPEA has been worked out;

(b) if so, the name of the companies involved, product involved and the amount worked out;

(c) whether this progress is satisfactory and if not, what steps have been taken by the Government to expedite the determination of liabilities in the pending cases; and

(d) by when would each liability is likely to be determined?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) The entire question of the quantum of liabilities is being reviewed by a three member committee headed by a High Court Judge.

Drugs excluded from price control

1732. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ethambutol, Pyrazinamide, Chloramphenicol, Vitamin B6, Tunidazole, Polymixin B Sulphate, Triprolidine etc. have been excluded from price control;

(b) what are the basis of each and what was the turn over and market share of each during 1989-90;

(c) whether it is a fact that Norfloxacin; Ciprofloxacin, Phenylbutazone, Mafanamic Acid; Chlorpromazine, Spirnolactone, Sulbutamol, Ibuprofen, Trimethoprim and Sulphamethoxazone etc. have all been wrongly included;

(d) what are the basic of each for inclusion;

(e) the reasons for such omissions and commissions and the people responsible for such a state of affairs; and

(f) whether Government have received any representation against such anomalies and if so, the names of the drug involved, date of receipt of the complaint and action taken on each of the complaint?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e) List of drugs kept under price control has been prepared on the basis of criteria laid down in the Modifications in the Drug Policy 1986" by applying it across the board to the data available with Government and as such to that extent there are no acts of omission and commissions.

(f) Certain representations have been received and the process of verification of points raised therein has been started.

Fluctuation in the prices of essential drugs

1733. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of fluctuation in the prices of essential drugs since the announcement of the New Drug policy in September, 1994;

(b) whether it is a fact that the actual number of price controlled drugs is less then the number of drugs proposed to be under price control;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the entire range of life saving drugs has been or proposed to be kept out of price control; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor stating its likely impact on the consumers particularly on the weaker sections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) A simplified and transparent criteria based on the market